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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MILI, PEPR, LE, IS
SUBJECT: ISRAELI ARMS SHIPMENTS TO MILITIAS

REF: (A) TEL AVIV 9575, (B) STATE 191151 (NOTAL)

1. DATT HAS REPORT FROM CHAMOUNIST SOURCE WHICH HE BELIEVES
RELIABLE THAT KATAIB ARE EXPECTING DELIVERY BY ISRAELI SHIP
OF 122 MM FIELD GUNS AUGUST 1. THEY ARE INFORMED THAT
PROMISED TANKS ARE NOT COMING. DELIVERY TO BE MADE IN BYBLOS
AREA.

2. SAME SOURCE REPORTS BASHIR GEMAYEL HAS RETURNED FROM ISRAEL
WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO KEEP POT BOILING UNTIL AUGUST 15, WHEN
SOMETHING IS GOING TO HAPPEN.

3. COMMENT: DO NOT KNOW HOW MUCH OF THIS IS TUB THUMPING BY
MILITIA LEADERS AND HOW MUCH, IF ANY, IS TRUE. DELIVERY OF
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122MM GUNS WOULD, HOWEVER, MEAN SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN
KATAIB FIRE POWER, AND WOULD BE FAR CRY FROM LIGHT WEAPONS AND
AMMUNITION FOR THEM THAT BEGIN IMPLIES IS ALL ISRAELIS
ARE SENDING.
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